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BUILDING PERMITS REPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 1923, WITH  
 COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1923, AND DECEMBER, 1922.

The value of the building permits issued during December showed a reduction of 13.7 per cent from the November, 1923, level and of 26.8 per cent from the level of December, 1922. The estimated value of building authorized by 56 cities during the month under review, according to returns tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was \$6,906,650, whereas in the preceding month the total had stood at \$8,006,601 and in December, 1922, at \$9,436,867.

In New Brunswick and Ontario there were very slight increases in the value of the building permits issued as compared with November, 1923, but in all other provinces there were decreases. The declines of \$562,559 or 22 per cent in Quebec and of \$408,525 or 89.4 per cent in Manitoba were much the largest.

As compared with the returns for December, 1922, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia recorded increases; that of \$446,489 or 132.9 per cent in the last named province was the most pronounced. Of the reductions in the remaining provinces, those in Quebec of \$1,956,207 or 49.5 per cent and in Alberta of \$1,414,925 or 98.1 per cent were the largest.

Toronto and Vancouver registered slight increases in the value of building permits issued as compared with November, 1923, and December, 1922. In Montreal there were declines in both comparisons, while in Winnipeg the value of estimated building was considerably less than in November, but very slightly higher than in December, 1922. The value of the building authorized in Sherbrooke, Fort William, Kingston, Oshawa, Ottawa, Peterborough and St. Catharines was greater than in November, 1923 and December, 1922.

The value of the permits issued during December, 1923, was smaller than during 1922, but it was in excess of the value for 1921. The total for 1923, based upon unrevised figures, was \$130,239,885, as compared with aggregates of \$144,980,388 and \$114,423,974 in 1922 and 1921, respectively. The latter figures are compiled from revised statements furnished by city officials.

The table on the other side of this sheet shows the value of the building permits issued during December, 1923, as compared with November, 1923, and December, 1922. The 35 cities for which records are available since 1910 are marked by asterisks.



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Estimated Cost of Building work as Indicated by  
Building Permits.

City	Dec. 1923	Nov. 1923	Dec. 1922
	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island-Charlottetown	2,000	3,000	2,000
Nova Scotia	20,825	51,637	100,500
x Halifax	17,090	29,642	34,950
New Glasgow	250	295	nil
x Sydney	3,485	21,700	65,550
New Brunswick	20,150	19,190	27,431
Fredericton	1,000	2,400	nil
x Moncton	10,450	6,190	17,431
x St. John	8,700	10,600	10,000
Quebec	1,997,030	2,559,589	3,953,237
x Montreal - Maisonneuve	1,780,525	1,862,214	2,011,940
x Quebec	88,810	561,000	1,194,755
Shawinigan Falls	nil	100	nil
x Sherbrooke	68,150	64,000	7,000
x Three Rivers	10,795	61,825	682,800
x Westmount	48,750	10,450	56,742
Ontario	4,036,679	4,078,290	3,586,650
Belleville	nil	nil	nil
x Brantford	9,685	25,202	9,410
Chatham	30,000	11,822	44,450
x Fort William	270,530	5,925	6,200
Galt	7,000	2,825	320,880
x Guelph	24,165	24,495	24,800
x Hamilton	195,750	337,550	169,060
x Kingston	19,347	2,300	4,660
x Kitchener	41,865	60,075	46,070
x London	89,805	163,600	134,300
Niagara Falls	44,480	87,380	640
Oshawa	285,685	52,560	25,000
x Ottawa	401,550	194,040	165,000
Owen Sound	1,500	10,000	nil
x Peterboro	14,885	12,855	1,825
x Port Arthur	5,085	2,681	151,730
x Stratford	2,720	33,230	11,025
x St. Catharines	53,282	23,676	16,200
x St. Thomas	3,850	14,230	6,075
Sarnia	43,210	21,015	50,275
Sault Ste Marie	2,860	10,348	1,775
x Toronto	2,021,830	2,013,513	1,841,885
York Township	348,500	606,150	372,500
Welland	860	41,640	41,700
x Windsor	164,075	304,415	121,035
Woodstock	4,160	5,763	20,147
Manitoba	48,325	456,850	41,602
x Brandon	3,500	4,200	2
St. Boniface	6,875	18,400	4,250
x Winnipeg	37,950	434,250	37,350
Saskatchewan	13,150	60,827	40,520
x Moosejaw	500	777	6,300
x Regina	8,850	19,775	13,070
x Saskatoon	3,800	40,275	21,150
Alberta	27,875	74,775	1,442,800
x Calgary	6,200	27,500	1,294,700
x Edmonton	12,160	35,750	123,000
Lethbridge	9,515	7,690	100
Medicine Hat	nil	3,835	25,000
British Columbia	690,616	702,443	244,127
Nanaimo	579	10,395	1,275
x New Westminster	12,150	49,650	72,600
Point Grey	56,300	120,500	49,200
Prince Rupert	400	6,065	6,900
South Vancouver	8,260	31,390	18,750
x Vancouver	584,957	427,125	57,510
x Victoria	27,970	57,318	37,892
Total - 56 cities	6,906,650	8,006,601	9,436,867
Total - x 35 cities	6,053,216	6,953,028	8,454,017
Accumulative Total for 56 cities	1923	1922	1921
12 months 1923 (unrevised)	130,239,885	144,980,388	114,423,974